

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1599
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

PROGRESS OF PVTGS IN WEST BENGAL

†1599. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that West Bengal has approximately 67,087 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) population including Birhor, Lodha and Toto tribes and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(b) whether the State Government of West Bengal actively participates in the implementation of PM JANMAN yojana;

(c) if so, whether the State Government of West Bengal has provided the required State component for the scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the progress made so far under PM JANMAN for PVTGs in West Bengal;

(e) the details of specific timelines set for achieving full coverage of PVTG families under the said scheme in West Bengal; and

(f) the challenges faced by the Government in the implementation of PM JANMAN in West Bengal and the steps taken by the Government to address these challenges?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (f) Ministry of Tribal Affairs through the State Governments/ UT Administration/departments has undertaken habitation level data collection exercise through PM Gati Shakti mobile application to estimate PVTG population figures and infrastructure gaps in order to cover PVTG population residing in villages & habitations covered under PM JANMAN. Based on the data captured (as updated in October 2024), PVTG population, District-wise, in the State of West Bengal is tabulated at **Annexure-I** covering Birhor, Lodha and Toto PVTGs. The objectives of the abhiyan are being met through 11 interventions implemented by 9-line Ministries. Under the abhiyan, intervention of multi-purpose centres (MPCs) is implemented through Ministry of Tribal Affairs wherein 100% funding is provided to State Governments. In respect of this intervention, proposals of MPCs is awaited from the State Government of Bengal. Further, as per information from line Ministries/Departments, no progress has been observed under the abhiyan in respect of interventions of housing (PMAY-G), roads (PMGSY), anganwadis and hostels (Samagra Siksha) in the State of West Bengal. The mission is approved for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26. Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been regularly taking up the issue of implementation of activities under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) with State Government of West Bengal.

Annex referred to in reply to part (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. †1599 for answer on 13.02.2025 raised by Shri Jyotirmay Singh Mahato regarding “Progress of PVTGs in West Bengal”

The PVTGs population, District-wise, in West Bengal

District	PVTG Population
Alipurduar	1427
Jhargram	22739
Paschim Medinipur	42862
Purulia	403
Total	67431
